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For: NOVEL PROTEINS, GENE ENCODING THE

SAME AND METHOD OF UTILIZATION

THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18-21, 24, 29, 31 and 33-37, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.